

AL-V-B-094
Hughes Log Mansion
Shortest Day Road
Ca. 1870's

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

AL-V-B-094
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hughes Log Mansion

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Shortest Day Road

CITY, TOWN

La Vale

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

George and Margaret Lucas

Telephone #: 777-0511

STREET & NUMBER

646 Lincoln Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 190

Folio #: 408

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AL-V-6-1039

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hughes Log Mansion is located on the Shortest Day Road, outside of LaVale, Allegany County.

The building basically consists of a two and one-half story, four bay wide, rectangular shaped log structure. A two-story frame rear addition abuts the main building on the northwest side covered with shed roof. The entire outside of the whole building is covered with insul brick. Wall features are plain. The building is supported by a high, stone foundation with no apparent water table. The roof of the building is gable flank, covered with asphalt shingles; replaced. Eaves of the roof exhibit a wide soffit which is original. Windows in the building are pegged, narrow, double hung, with wooden sash frames and two-over-two and six-over-six lights. Window trim features lugsills covered with insul brick. There are two brick chimneys in the building, both of which are located interior. One is original and one is replaced; with a cement block cap. There are two porches. One is half closed, half open with stone foundation: supported by wooden posts and covered with shed roof. The southeast facade features a two story veranda with balcony (enclosed with fancy wood railing) supported by square wooden columns. The main entrance faces southeast with a four paneled door with verticle boards.

The building is structurally sound with drastic remodeling and retains practically nothing of its original appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Ca. 1870's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hughes Log Mansion is a large building. Originally a two and one-half story, four bay wide, rectangular shaped structure made of log construction. The building features a second story, four bay wide verandah, and eaves of the roof exhibit a wide soffit.

The Hughes Log Mansion is the largest of a group of log structures located in the Cash Valley. Due to its location it was probably a farm house and was constructed during the 1870's. Local farmers relied upon abundant forests to provide cheap and practical material for home building.

Subsequent construction of a two-story rear end addition and a covering of insul brick have altered the appearance of the structure greatly. Although once reflecting a level of prosperity and cultural awareness of local farmers the building now retains little of its original appearance.

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1. Allegany County Land Records
 2. Harry Stegmiaer, Jr., Allegany County- A History (Parsons, W.Va.: McClain Printing, Co., 1976) p.14

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.4 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and William Pratt, Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

6/17/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-3-094

DATE: 6/17/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

190/408
1.4 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Hughes Log Mansion

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Shortest Day Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Southeast

NAME OF OWNER: George and Margaret Lucas 777-0511

ADDRESS: 646 Lincoln Street

Cumberland, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4(☒) 5() 6() 7() ()

WINDS, ADDITIONS: Rear shed roof frame construction

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
(☒) LOG Main part
(☒) OTHER: Coverings Insul brick

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Plain

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2(☒) 6/6(☒) 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged(☒) nailed() wide() narrow(☒) mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Southeast
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
4 Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original(☒) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick(☒) Stone() Corbeled() original(☒) replaced(☒)
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior(☒)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
DATE CONSTRUCTED: Ca. 1870's
CONDITION: Fair

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () PUNDED
- () WAINSCOT

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () paneled: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

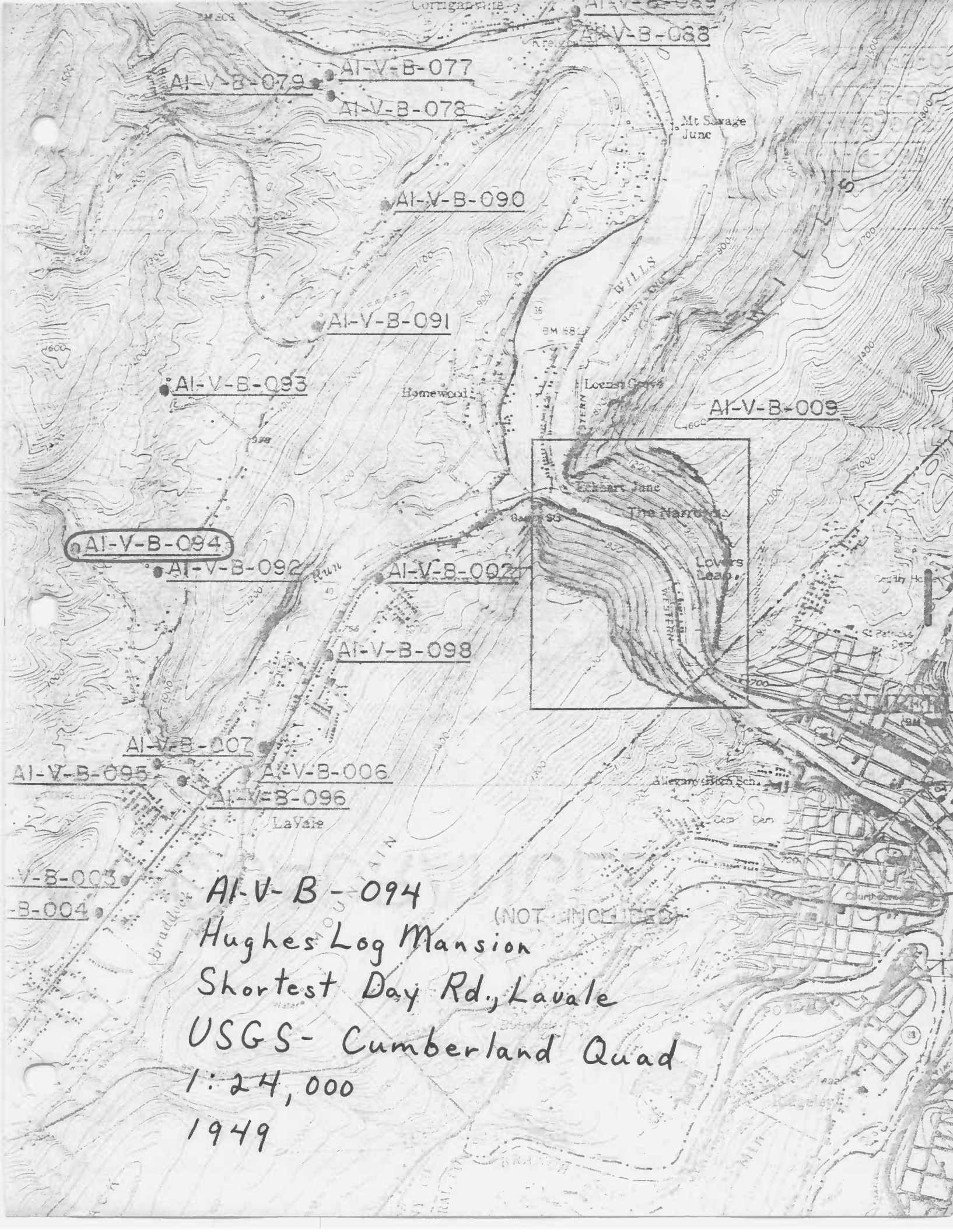
DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:



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Hughes Log Mansion
Shortest Day Rd., Lavale
USGS - Cumberland Quad
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1949



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HUGHES LOG MANSION

SHORTEST DAY Rd, Lava/e

JOHN E. NELSON

6/17/77

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EAST



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HUGES^H LOG MANSION

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NORTH



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HUGHES LOG MANSION

SHORTEST DAY Rd, Laval

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6/17/77

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